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SUBJECT: MARINE TRANSPORTATION: MECI 6 AND MECI 8

REF: BOGOTA 3012

1. EMBOFF MET WITH THOMAS BECK JUNE 13 AND WAS INFORMED THAT THE CUSTOMS JUDGE IN SANTA MARTA HAD APPLIED IN WRITING FOR FUNDS FROM THE FONDO ROTATORIO DE LAS ADUANAS IN ORDER TO UNLOAD THE SUBJECT BARGES IN SEARCH OF CONTRABAND. THE DIRECTOR OF THE FONDO REFUSED TO PROVIDE SUCH FUNDS AND IN HIS TWO PAGE WRITTEN REFUSAL THE DIRECTOR CITED COLOMBIAN LEGAL CODES PROTECTING THE CARGO AND INDICATED THAT IT WAS NOT CONTABRAND. FACED WITH THIS DOCUMENT THE JUDGE WAS FORCED TO REVERSE HIS OPINION. DUE TO THIS REVERSAL THE CASE MUST BE REVIEWED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CUSTOMS TRIBUNAL IN BOGOTA. ON FRIDAY, JUNE 9, THE CASE WAS DELIVERED BY HAND TO THIS OFFICIAL AT THE EXPENSE OF MR. BECK AND HIS ASSOCIATES. DR. SARMIENTO, LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE INSURERS, VISITED THE TRIBUNAL PRESIDENT ON JUNE 13 AND EMBOFF AND BECK ALSO CALLED ON HIM LATER THAT DAY. HE STATED THAT THE NORMAL PERIOD FOR SUCH A REVIEW WAS A MINIMU OF ONE MONTH. THE SITUATION WAS DESCRIBED TO HIM BRIEFLY BY BECK WHO SOLICITED HIS ASSISTANCE IN SPEEDING UP THE PROCESS. HE AGREED THAT, UPON THE TERMINATION OF

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THE CASE PRESENTLY BEFORE HIM, HE WOULD TAKE UP THE BARGE CASE. IT APPEARS THAT THE DECISION WILL BE FAVORABLE AND THAT ONCE IT IS MADE THE GUDGE IN SANTA MARTA MUST RELEASE THE BARGES.

2. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO ADVISE DEVELOPMENTS.
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